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COMMENT SOUGHT ON 911 CALL PROCESSING METHOD PROPOSED BY ERICSSON

(WT Docket No. 99-328)

In its Second Report and Order in the Wireless E911 Rulemaking, Docket No. 94-102,¹ the Commission adopted Section 22.921 of the rules. This rule helps improve 911 call completion by requiring new analog wireless handsets to be able to complete 911 calls to either analog carrier in an area, regardless of the programming of the handset for non-911 calls. This requirement takes effect on February 13, 2000. Further, the Commission approved three proposed 911 call processing modes, while stating general principles for other acceptable modes and encouraging the development of further improvements in 911 call completion, including the extension of improved calling methods to digital services.² The Commission delegated authority to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) to consider and approve, deny, or approve with modification new or revised 911 call processing modes.³

On December 17, 1999, Ericsson, Inc. filed a letter with WTB proposing a revised 911 call completion method for Ericsson's dual band, multi-mode phones, including both digital and analog transmission technologies. Ericsson requests approval that its call completion method for dual band, multi-mode phones which operate on cellular frequencies in the analog and digital (TDMA) modes as well as on PCS frequencies in the digital (TDMA) mode, complies with policies established in the Second Report and Order. Ericsson contends that its call completion method would result in a higher percentage of completed wireless E911 calls. In this Public Notice, we seek comment on this proposal, in particular on whether the proposed method is consistent with the

¹ Revision of the Commission's Rules To Ensure Compatibility With Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, Second Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 10954 (1999).

² *Id.* At 10993.

³ *Id.* At 10993, 10995.

Commission's Rules and the principles set out by the Commission for 911 call processing modes.

Pursuant to Sections 1.45 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.45, interested parties may file comments on the Ericsson proposal no later than **January 18, 2000**. Replies shall be filed no later than **January 28, 2000**. All comments shall reference the docket number of this proceeding. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the docket number of this proceeding. Parties filing electronically should also e-mail a copy of their comments to dgrosh@fcc.gov. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing with the Commission's Secretary (Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554) and a diskette copy to the Commission's copy contractor (International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), CY-B400, (202) 857-3800). The text of the Ericsson filing will be posted on ECFS. It is also available for inspection and copying in the Reference Information Center, Federal Communications Commission, Court Yard Level, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from ITS.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

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